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INTRODUCTION

This report is a study of the chronological development

of Kuvbyshev Aircraft Engine Plant Frunze 24						
located at 53-12-30N 050-15-45E, on the southeast						
edge of the city of Kuybyshev (Figure 1), USSR, 10 nautical						
miles (nm) from the Volga River docks and 1 nm from						
Kuybyshev/Bezymyanka Airfield The						
plant is only 0.8 nm southwest of Kuybyshev Airframe Plant						
Stalin 1 and Kuybyshev Airframe Plant						
Lenin 18 Plant 24 is served on 3						
sides by all-weather roads, on 2 sides by trolley lines,						
and by a spur of the Moskva-Ryazan-Omsk rail line.						
Photography of excellent interpretability has covered						

Plant 24, and includes pf
1942 (Figure 2) and (Figure 3)
showing postwar expansion, and photography (Figure 4). photography of varying interpretability was obtained during the 1961-1966 period.

Since the first Plant 24

Since the first Plant 24 has occupied an area of approximately 10,878,000 square feet. The roof cover currently is over 3,400,000 square feet. The plant contains 2 very large and 2 small horizontal engine test cells; 8 large L-type engine test cells, as well as 24 small L-type engine test cells at least 7 of which are now closed down; 3 large assembly buildings; 1 assembly/engine-test building; 1 large fabrication/assembly building; 2 large assembly/shop buildings; a fuel pumphouse/blending building; and a large number of warehouses, administration buildings, utility buildings, and support buildings. No new buildings or facilities of major importance were under construction as of 21

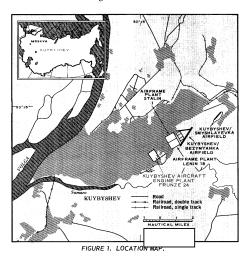
Aircraft Engine Plant Frunze 24 formerly was located in the Moskva area. In 1941, its equipment and that of several smaller plants were evacuated to Kuybyshev, where new buildings had been under construction since 1939. It is reported that series production of the M-38F engine was

under way in 1942. It is probable that tractor parts were also manufactured in the plant at this time. By 1951 the plant was reported to have been engaged in quantity production of M-42 reciprocal-type aircraft engines and, with the

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reportedly produced NK-4 turboprop engines, as well as AM-2, AM-3, AM-3A, and AM-4 turbojet engines in the late 1950s. Later reports (1960) indicate that Plant 24 produces the NK-12 turbojet engine, used in the BEAR and CLEAT, as well as that the plant is possibly connected with space propulsion systems. The latest available photography provides no precise clue as to the engine(s) or engine components currently in production.

Detailed information on structures in the plant is provided in Table  ${\bf 1}$  and Figure 5.



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# HIGHLIGHTS OF CHRONOLOGY

photography of 1942 revealed that the plant comprised approximately square feet of roof cover, consisting primarily of 4 large assembly structures (items 27a, 38a, 59a, and 59b, Figure 5 and Table 1), 2 shops (items 21a and 37) as well as one under construction (item 34a and 34b); a section of an engine-test/storage

building (item 12a) containing 24 small L-type test cells;

and other shop, administration, and utility buildings.

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By this time the plant was well into jet engine production. Apparently to meet new requirements, the plant was expanded by the construction or completion of the following: 5 large new L-type engine test cells (item 27e) on one of the final assembly buildings (item 27a), 5 shops (items 16, 19b, 21b, and 34b), 2 assembly structures (items 25 and 59c), 2 administration structures (items 32a and 61), and a warehouse (item 55). At least 7 of the old small L-type engine test cells were closed down. By 1959 the total plant roof cover had increased to approximately 2,716,500 square

# 1960-1961

In 1960 and 1961 only relatively unimportant construction and expansion of facilities occurred. Three more large L-type test cells (item 27d), 2 new shop additions (items 27g and 34c), a section of the large fabrication/assembly building (item 28b), and a new major administration building (item 44) were completed.

### 1962-1963

During this period, again only minor improvements were made at the plant. The southernmost 4 of the 8 large L-type engine test cells (item 27c) were extended horizontally (perhaps to accommodate large NK-12 engines), and

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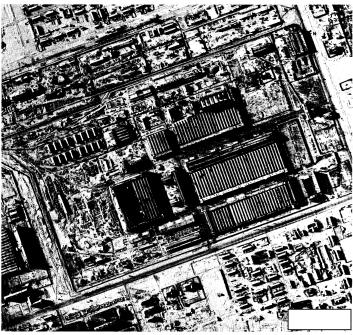


FIGURE 2. KUYBYSHEV AIRCRAFT ENGINE PLANT FRUNZE 24, USSR,

FIGURE 3. KUYBYSHEV AIRCRAFT ENGINE PLANT FRUNZE 24, USSR,

covers were provided for the vertical sections.

An addition (item 28a) to a fabrication/assembly building was completed. The western section of this addition was constructed on the site of a probable small vertical rocket engine test facility, which probably was dismantled at the time this structure was erected. In addition, 2warehouses (items 3a and 4a) and 3 administration buildings (items 40, 43, and 57) were completed.

## 1964-1966

In this period a building which contains 2 very large horizontal engine test cells (item 14) was completed, as

well as a nearby forge/foundry (item 17a) and a large assembly/shop building (item 39). In addition, 2 more of the large L-type engine test cells (item 12f) were extended horizontally and provided with covers for the vertical sections.

# 1967

Thus far large L-type e i.e., extended tion covers. under way is a

this year it is of note that the remaining 2
ngine test cells still have not been modified,
orizontally and provided with vertical sec-
The only noteworthy construction currently
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Table 1. Data on Kuybyshev Aircraft Engine Plant Frunz (Item numbers are keyed to Figure 5) Date Function/ Description Dimensions (ft) L W H Cover (sq ft) First Apparently Complete\* Comments Obs Fabrication/assembly by new section of bldg had been con-structed on site of prob rocket engine test facil-Medium-sized addition is Admin bldg Admin bldg Admin bldg Admin bldg nearing completion 29 30 31 32 Small addition is u/c Utility bldg Assembly/shop bldg Assembly 34 Assembly
Shops (2)
Shop
Utility bldg
Utility bldg
Shop
Final assembly bldg Small addition is u/c Bldg is used for small-engine test and prob for engine storage (contains 24 small L-type test cells) Minor addition is u/c Assembly/shop bldg Admin bldg Admin bldg Admin bldg Admin bldg Admin bldg Utility bldg Greenhouse Utility bldg Utility bldg Utility bldg Utility bldg 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 One structure contain-ing 2 small engine test cells In 1959 new tanks were being installed adjacent to bldg One bldg containing 2 jet engine test cells IJC Utility bldg Utility bldg Warehouse Utility bldg Storage bldg Warehouse Warehouse 50 51 52 53 54 55 56

Admin bldg Admin bldg Assembly bldg

Utility wing Admin engineering bldg Admin bldg

NOTE: Horizontal measurements are accurate to within ±5 feet or 5%, whichever is greater. Heights are accurate to within ±10 feet.

\*Unless otherwise noted, the date first observed is the first date the item was recognizable as a structure.

\*The date apparently complete is the first date the structure outwardly appeared complete. This date may not be related to the date the structure was operational.

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Item No

Function/ Description

Warehouse Utility bldg Utility bldg Fuel control bldg Engine test/storage bld

Engine test/storage Small horizontal engin test cells (2)

Very large horizontal engine test cells (2) Poss cooling towers (8

Shop
Forge/foundry
Forge/foundry
U/I addition
Sand storage &
processing bldg
Maintenance shop

Warehouses (16) Shop/forge/foundry bld Shop & forge/foundry Shop Utility bldg

Assembly bldg
Utility bldg
Assembly/engine-test t
Assembly
Admin/engineering win
Engine test cell extensions (4)
L-type engine test cell
(3)

L-type engine test cell-Engine test cell exten-sions (2) Shop

Utility bldg

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Switching shack Locometive barn

Warehouse

Shop

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Small addition u/c

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Major addition is u/c

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